

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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FROM: MARK H. UFFER, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH ONELEGACY

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Terminate Agreement No. 02-1344 with OneLegacy for coordination of organ transplants by Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2002.
- 2) Terminate Agreement No. 98-331 with Inland Eye and Tissue Bank for the coordination of organ and tissue procurement protocols as approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 19, 1998.
- 3) Approve new agreement between OneLegacy and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center that will govern each entity's rights and responsibilities whenever OneLegacy coordinates the transplanting of an organ by the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with automatic renewals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This agenda item recommends approval to terminate Agreement Nos. 02-1344 and 98-331 with OneLegacy and the Inland Eye and Tissue Bank respectively and approval of a new agreement with OneLegacy for the coordination of organ transplants at the Medical Center.

OneLegacy is an organ procurement organization established to promote and facilitate donation of organs in a manner beneficial to patients, donors' families, healthcare providers and the public. OneLegacy is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designated Organ Procurement Organization for the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

OneLegacy is the largest national contact for this service. They are available twenty-four hours daily to assist in evaluation of donors and recipients. The Medical Center has maintained a relationship with OneLegacy for the past eleven years.

The Medical Center is a designated Transplant Center by OneLegacy. OneLegacy identifies the responsibilities of the Medical Center and assists in the development of appropriate policies and procedures for organ donation. There is a continued focus on the need to find suitable donors to assist the significant number of patients requiring transplants.

On June 20, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 00-476 with Southern California Organ Procurement Center (SCOPC), which governed the rights and responsibilities whenever SCOPC coordinated the transplanting of an organ by the Medical Center. The term of this agreement was for one year commencing on June 20, 2000 and terminating on June 19, 2001 at which time it would automatically renew unless a new agreement was entered into or the agreement was officially terminated.

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On December 17, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 02-1344 with OneLegacy, due to the fact that SCOPC merged with Regional Organ Procurement Association to become OneLegacy, and the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) was renamed to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This Agreement reflected those changes.

Currently, the Inland Eye and Tissue Bank and OneLegacy are merging to provide complete organ procurement services. Therefore, it is necessary for the Medical Center to enter into a new agreement with OneLegacy, reflecting this merger.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 9, 2003 and HSS Administration (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 13, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Medical Center expended \$22,500 for FY 2001/02 with OneLegacy. To date, no costs have been incurred for FY 2003/04. The Medical Center expended \$5,640 for FY 2001/02 and \$15,820 for FY 2002/03 with the Inland Eye and Tissue Bank. Costs are volume dependent and are based on the number of transplants performed at the Medical Center. In many instances, the Medical Center receives reimbursement by insurance carriers for organ procurement costs.

OneLegacy reimburses the Medical Center for costs associated with harvesting donor organs to be transplanted into recipients who are not at the Medical Center. This occurs when a suitable recipient is identified in another part of the state or country through a database that contains information regarding patients awaiting organ transplant. The Medical Center bears the cost for patients with no insurance, or who are enrolled in the Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) program.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval since these services are necessary for the health and welfare of the Medical Center's patients. OneLegacy is the CMC designated Organ Procurement Organization for the Medical Center.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: June Griffith-Collison, Chief Operating Officer, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6150

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